

MINUTES OF THE SANPITCH WATER USERS MEETING

Minutes of the Sanpitch water users meeting held in Mt Pleasant City Hall on 19th day of January 1961 at 10.15 A.M.

Representing the State Engineer office at the meeting were:

State Engineer Wayne D. Criddle, Chief Accountant Frank Reese, Distribution Engineer Donald C. Norseth, and Assistant Distribution Engineer Clarence E. Erickson

Water users and other in attendance at the meeting are according to attachment marked exhibit A.

After a long discussion as to who should be to the annual meeting it was decided that the Executive Committee, and what ever water users and the public that wanted to come, but the Executive Committee should be there.

Engineer Wayne D. Criddle called the meeting to order, and told us what the purpose of the meeting was.

James G. Olsen made a motion that John E. Jensen be chairman of the meeting, seconded by Roy Ried, motion carried.

On motion by Rensel E. Christensen that James G. Olsen be secretary seconded by Roy Ried, motion carried.

Secretary James G. Olsen read the minutes of the 1960 annual meeting. minutes were approved.

Chief Accountant Frank Reese read the annual financial report, but after some questions from the group, it was decided to wait, before passing it. Mr Reese will look it over and see what is wrong with the report.

James G. Olsen asked why that one hundred dollars was paid the committee in 1960. Mr Reese and Mr. Criddle explain that the committee was not paid until January 1961 and that they had not been paid in 1959. there is the money for the committee had gone into general fund and had to be taking out of the 1960 funds

Water Commissioner Blaine Draper made a report on the water

situation for 1961 and it looked very bad for this time of the year.

He reported that we must keep our water dividers and ditches in very good condition.

He said that there are three or four ditches that do not have good water gates and that they ought to be fixed,

Mr. Criddle said that all throughout the state head gates go bad and must be repaired, he said that Commissioner Draper should report to defence companies when their head gates are not right. and if they don't have them repaired, that he report it to the State Engineer, and that they will take action and see that the gates are fixed.

Reuel E. Christensen asked if the companies who head gates were bad last year and if they had them fixed this year.

Mr. Criddle said that all dividers must be kept clean of all weeds and brush, so that the water commissioner can measure the water right.

And if the old dividers are left there and not fixed, the water companies must keep them clean and have them clean when water commissioner gets there, or he will have to measure the water below the dividers and this is a very poor way to measure water.

Chairman John E. Jensen asked for a recommendation as to the water commissioner.

Erwin Morley recommended Blaine Draper as water Commissioner, and was seconded by Roy Reid; motion carried.

Mr. Criddle said he was glad that Mr. Draper was put in again, as

Mr. Draper has had a lot of experience in measuring water, and that it looks like a bad year for water and it must be measured just right.

State Engineer Criddle said that Mr. Draper would not all ways be here and that we should be looking for another man to take his place and that we should train some one for the job.

Chairman John E. Jensen also thought we ought to train some one to measure water.

Mr. Ruell E. Christensen made a motion that the board look around and get some one to act and learn how to measure water and to go with commissioner Draper and see where all the dividers are, so if Mr Draper could not go that we would have men who could take his place. seconded by James G. Olsen

Motion carried.

State Engineer Criddle said that reason they did not select Mr. Mower three years ago as water commissioner was that they did not think that he could handle the job right.

Chairman John E. Jensen told about the hearing we had in Salt Lake City, between Mr. Blaine Draper and Mr. E. Mower of Fairview Utah.

Mr. Ruell E. Christensen asked if they could train this man for water commissioner up there.

Engineer Criddle said they had a school each December for three days and would not have one until next December.

Mr. Ruell E. Christensen made a motion that ^{we} assess our selves three hundred dollars to teach a young person how to measure water and to know where all the dividers are, and that he should work along with commissioner Blaine Draper for about three weeks, and that our budget would be \$2390.00 seconded by Roy Reid, motion carried.

Mr. Douglas Olsen of Mt Pleasant asked if we had to spend that amount for an apprentice.

Engineer Criddle said no, we do not have to spend it.

Committee man Amasa M. Terry thought that we get plenty of young men to train on their own, if they thought that they could get the job of water commissioner.

It was moved and seconded that we get a young man to train under commissioner Draper and learn how to measure and to learn where all the water head gates are. motion carried.

Committeeman Roy Reid made a motion that we assess our selves for 1961 \$1900.00 seconded by Edwin Morley, there was a lot of discussion

about this assesment. motion carried.

Engineer Criddle said that we ought to get the river system organized and have the organization papers signed by all the ditch companies

There was a lot of discussion about organizing the river system

Erwin Morley asked if we should organized according to our water rights.

Clayton Peterson asked what our water rights are ? and where we find out what each person has ?

Secretary James G. Olsen told him he has one hundred twenty-four acres of Class "B" rights in the Bagnall Ditch, some water rights in the Jens P. Peterson Diversion. and it can be found in the Cox Decree. pages 132 & 133

Mr. Reuel E. Christensen asked what we should do to get our company organized and that we have them organized and working by our next annual meeting.

Engineer Criddle said must vote according to water we have, and that no large company should control what is to be done on the system.

Mr. Douglas Olsen asked if all the ditch companies have a representative here.

Mr. Erwin Morley asked why the Rock Dam could not have a man on the board he was told that they did have representative there, and were in with the Moroni district.

Mr. Reuel E. Christensen made a motion that the board have the company papers prepared to be voted on in our next annual meeting, seconded by Roy Reid, motion carried.

Engineer Criddle asked who should contract to have this done, and was told to contract either chairman John T. Jensen Or secretary James G. Olsen or any of the board members.

Mr. Reuel E. Christensen made a motion that each district meet in difference corners and pick our board members

The board members were pick as following Fairview Amasa M. Terry
Heber L. Mower, Moroni district John T. Jensen, Leo Morley, Erwin Morley

the south end or Ephraim district James G. Olsen and Roy Reid.

Mr. Reuel E. Christensen made a motion that above be appointed to the board seconded by Roy Reid, motion carried

Mr. Reuel E. Christensen said that there had been some talk about some ditches that had been dropped off the list such as the Ephraim - Olsen ditch and the Price Dam and other,

Secretary James G. Olsen explained how that he and Mr. Rodney Christensen had agreed to pay ten per year so that they would know that they had water rights, and that they each paid in for three years and on the third year the State Engineer sent their ten dollars back and said they could charge where the water commissioner did not measure the water.

Distribution Engineer Donald C. Norseth said that he will study the Price Dam, The Ephraim-Olsen Ditch and the others, and see what the records show and report on them.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary.

The following is the Budget for 1961

1-Commissioner's Salary	\$1200.00
2-Matching Social Security	36.00
3-Traveling Expense	561.00
4-Miscellaneous Expense	130.00
5-Annual Report (1961)	25.00
6-Bonds & Insurance Premiums	25.00
7-Committee Expense	100.00
8-Secretary Expense	10.00
9-Contractual Services (Apprentice)	300.00
Total	\$2390.00

Of this \$2390.00 is to be assessment \$1900.00

Committee Members are as following.

John E. Jensen	Moroni, Utah
Leo Morley	" "
Erwin Morley	" "
James G. Olsen	Ephraim, Utah
Roy F. Reid	" "
Anasa M. Terry	Fairview "
Heber L. Mower	" "

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State Engineer's Office.
Salt Lake City.Utah.

Dear Sir;

I here with am enclosing the minutees of our annual meeting
As yet I have not recieved the list of names of those present
there for cannot send you exhibit."A"

Can you make two copies of this list and put one with minutees
and send me the other for my files?

On January 15,1960 I had publication print in the Ephraim
Enterprise as to the Sanpitch River Water users meeting ~~to be~~
held at Moroni on Jan.19,1960 at 4:00P.M. there was 10 lines at
15 cents per or \$1.50 I have paid this so please me the money.

There was also ten dollars put in the budget for secretary
expense and Wpuld like to you send me that to.

Please send me some blanks form so we can get our ditch
companies organised.

Yours truly,

James G.Olsen

